

HOUSE RESOLUTION 410

By Stewart

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mary Catherine Bradshaw for her many years of service to the youth of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Mary Catherine Bradshaw is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, for the past thirty-two years, Ms. Bradshaw has served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher in Tennessee, with twenty-six of those years devoted to Hillsboro High School; in recognition of her outstanding tenure as a teacher, she was honored as the Metro Nashville Public School 2005 Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, before joining Hillsboro High School, Ms. Bradshaw cultivated a reputation for the utmost professionalism in her work as a teacher in various independent schools; and

WHEREAS, during her illustrious tenure as a teacher, Mary Catherine Bradshaw has taught advanced English, American History, government, and philosophy courses, coached various sports, and has served as the We the People instructor for eight years, during which time her students have been Southeast Regional Winners in National Competition and Tennessee State Champions; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Ms. Bradshaw was the leading teacher advocate for bringing the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program, a rigorous college preparation course of study that is internationally recognized, to Hillsboro High School. As the current Program Coordinator, lead teacher of the Program, and Director of the Association of Tennessee International Baccalaureate Schools, she has provided the knowledge and leadership

necessary to create one of the top IB Programs in the State and has proven instrumental in helping other high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools develop IB programs in Nashville and across the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a teacher who respects her students and appreciates their opinions and thoughts, Ms. Bradshaw thoroughly prepares her students for college; and

WHEREAS, Mary Catherine Bradshaw is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bradshaw truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Mary Catherine Bradshaw truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Mary Catherine Bradshaw for her thirty-two years of teaching in Tennessee, commend her exceptional service to the students of Hillsboro High School for the past twenty-six years, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.